

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): The reasons given by the Minister for the procedure he is going to adopt are not unsatisfactory. Since he is going to over ride the powers of the Panchayats—local institutions, some courtesy should be shown to them. First of all, they should be given notice that they should cut and remove the trees. If they persistently and deliberately refuse to do it, government can override the powers. That suggestion of the Minister is quite welcome. Hence I withdraw the cut motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 3

Completion of a Panchayat Road

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion.
"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,051 for Executive Staff by Re. 1. (To request the Government to complete the Panchayat road from Chalakkudi market to Vettukadavu ferry)."

Sir, ever since I entered this House, for the last 8 years, I have been insisting on the construction of this road. I have made personal representations to the Chief Engineer, the Road Board and so on. I have written so many letters to the Chief Engineer. He must have been troubled by those letters. I have written to the Minister, to the Government, to the Diwan and everybody. Even then, the position is as it was before. There is another argument, which I have to advance now. The government have got a Food Production Scheme. In Melur village, we have got good cultivations of vegetables, tapioca, bananas and other things. The best bananas that we get in Cochin State are from Melur village. These bananas should be taken to the Chalakkudi market crossing this ferry. Then only people can purchase them. This ferry is in a hopeless condition. The agriculturists find it very difficulty to cross the ferry, and go to the Chalakkudi market. Consistent with your sympathy for food production, it is necessary that this should be done. Otherwise there will be difficulties for communications. Large quantities of vegetables, bananas, tapioca, paddy, etc., which are available in Melur village could not be taken to the Chalakkudi market.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Rural): How long is it?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): About half a mile.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): Is there any water communication between Melur and Chalakkudi?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): This is the shortest cut and people have to go through *vanchis* to take these produce to the market. So if this is improved that will greatly help the Government food production scheme. The people of Melur village are co-operating cent per cent with the government in the matter of food production. When the Hon'ble Minister came there to hold propaganda meetings, I told him there is no use of such meetings but asked him to give them land; then they will cultivate. Though the government promised 3 acres, the people were given 20 cents, 30 cents or even 50 cents. If you give them lands, they will cultivate.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): I rise to support this motion. I must confess that I do not know anything about the ferry or the conditions there. But there are two strong reasons for my supporting the motion. Firstly, Mr. Moothedan promises us that we will be getting beautiful bananas by the opening of the road. Secondly Sir, when an Hon'ble Member has worked for eight long years for this road, I suppose that deserves a lot of sympathy.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പക്ഷെ ഇതു പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ടതായ കാര്യമെന്താണെന്ന് എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഓരോ പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കും ജനസംഖ്യാനുപാതികമായും വിന്യസിക്കാനുപാതികമായും ഓരോ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു പഞ്ചായത്തിന്റെ ഭൂരിപക്ഷ മനുസരിച്ച് അവർക്കു നടത്താമെന്നല്ലാതെ മറ്റൊരുവിധത്തിൽ അതു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനേക്കാളു ചെയ്യു ക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ആദ്യം ഇങ്ങിനെയാക്കെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ അതിന്നു പ്രയോജനമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അന്ന് ഒരു നിശ്ചിതവുമില്ലാത്തവിധത്തിൽ ഇഷ്ടപോലെ ചില വ്യയച്ചുവാൻ മിനിസ്റ്ററുടെ പക്കൽ ഒരു സംഖ്യ വെക്കുക പതിവുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ അതില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതു പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ട കാര്യമില്ലായിരുന്നു. ഇതു റോഡു ബോർഡിന്റെ മുമ്പിൽ വെച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതും റോഡുബോർഡു നിവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. ഇതു വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നാണ്. കിഴക്കു കൂടിക്കു ഏറ്റവും പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഒന്നാണു മേലൂർ വില്ലേജ്. ഈ വഴിയിൽ കൂടി വേണം അവയെടുക്കുന്ന കിഴ

ഒരു മറ്റും മാലക്കുടി മാക്കുറിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയി വില്പന നടത്തുവാൻ. ഈ സംഗതി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട റോഡുബോർഡ് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പതിഞ്ഞു അവിടം മുഖാന്തിരം അതിനു നിവാരണമുണ്ടാകുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ മൂത്തേടൻ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഭക്ഷ്യോല്പാദനപദ്ധതിയനുസരിച്ചു മേലൂർ മലകളിൽ കൃഷി ചെയ്തുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന കിഴങ്ങുകളും മറ്റും ഇങ്ങോട്ടു കടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ടതുകൊണ്ട് മ.മ.വ.-ൽതന്നെ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധ ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ പതിക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. മിനിസ്റ്റർ ഇതിൽ മനസ്സുവെച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രം പോര എന്ന സംഗതിയും ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Sir, I support this motion. So far as the importance of the road is concerned, it is a very important road and as rightly said by my Hon'ble Friend Mr. Moothedan, Melur is one of the best agricultural centres in the Mukundapuram Taluk. This road will be an outlet for the market. It will serve a very useful purpose. As this motion comes in the Panchayats, I would like to point out to the Hon'ble Minister that if what the Hon'ble Mover wants is the Panchayat road, the Hon'ble Minister should never support that motion. On the other hand, according to the scheme which he has now promulgated in his budget speech, he has simply to leave it to the Panchayats and not to tamper with the Panchayats. And if the Panchayat is not discharging its duties properly, I would request the Public Works Department to consider this question and attach some importance to it.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): Why should the Public Works Department intervene?

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): So far as I understand, any road can be in the Public Works Department as in the Panchayat Department. There is no watertight compartment. If the Panchayat is not taking up this road, there is no harm for the Public Works Department to take it up. It is such an important road. At this stage, I would request the Hon'ble Minister not to interfere.

Mr. M. L. Joseph (Latin-Christians-Cranganur): By-the-by, there is difference between a Panchayat road and a Public Works Department road.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): He wants only a road.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Rural): There is a Panchayat road. That should be extended, that is all.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram): According to this division, Chalakkudi will get Rs. 657, which will not be sufficient for the construction of the road.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): May I know, Sir what is the approximate cost of the road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): The cost of the road will be Rs. 6,000. This question of the road from Chalakkudi market to Vettikadavu ferry has been before the Government for some time and the member has been moving this subject before the House for many years. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the Government to take it up on account of the fact that this road was not included in the last Road Board programme. During the period of 6 years, no work could be done on this proposal. Now I have placed this proposal before the Road Board, and they will be examining this question and submitting the report early in October.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): The Road Board may not find money for this road in the near future. So many works are pending with the Road Board.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): The answer given by the Engineer is really of some hope; but I don't know how long we will have to wait. I do not say it is hopeless. What is required is it should be done urgently. There is no use of waiting for two, three, four or five years. If it is done urgently, Government also will be benefited. I don't want to press the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 4

Repairing of Panchayat Roads Leading to the Chalakkudi Hospital —Kunnath Angadi Road

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): "To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,051 for Executive staff, by Re. 1.

To request Government to keep under proper repair the Panchayat roads, leading to the Chalakkudi Hospital—Kunnath Angadi road in Kizhakkudi, deserves the first consideration."